



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 6502

January Session, 2013



**AN ACT CONCERNING THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE
PARAPROFESSIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 10-155k of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2013*):

3 [The] On and after July 1, 2013, the Commissioner of Education shall
4 establish a School Paraprofessional Advisory Council consisting of (1)
5 one [representative] school paraprofessional from each state-wide
6 bargaining representative organization that represents school
7 paraprofessionals with instructional responsibilities, (2) one
8 representative from each of the exclusive bargaining units for certified
9 employees, chosen pursuant to section 10-153b, (3) the most recent
10 recipient of the Connecticut Paraprofessional of the Year Award, (4)
11 two representatives from the regional educational service centers,
12 appointed by the Commissioner of Education, and (5) a school
13 administrator, appointed by the Connecticut Federation of School
14 Administrators. The council shall hold quarterly meetings and
15 [annually] advise, at least quarterly, the Commissioner of Education,
16 or the commissioner's designee, of the needs for (A) professional
17 development and the training of [such] paraprofessionals and the
18 effectiveness of the content and the delivery of existing training for
19 such paraprofessionals, (B) appropriate staffing strategies for

20 paraprofessionals, and (C) other relevant issues relating to
21 paraprofessionals. The council shall report, annually, in accordance
22 with the provisions of section 11-4a, on the recommendations given to
23 the commissioner, or the commissioner's designee, pursuant to the
24 provisions of this section, to the joint standing committee of the
25 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to education.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
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Section 1	<i>July 1, 2013</i>	10-155k
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